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In re Application of  
SHIBAHARA, et al.  
U.S. Application No.: 10/563,357  
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DECISION ON PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

For: ENCODING METHOD DECIDING APPARATUS;  
IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS, ENCODING  
MODE DECIDING METHOD, AND ENCODING  
MODE DECIDING PROGRAM

This decision is in response to applicant's "Petition For a Change of Inventor Name" filed 12 June 2006 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Applicant is advised that these petitions are treated under 37 CFR 1.182 which requires a petition fee of \$400.00. Therefore, the remaining \$270.00 due for the petition fee will be deducted from deposit account number 23-0975 as authorized.

**BACKGROUND**

Applicant timely entered the U.S. National stage on 03 January 2006 with payment of the full U.S. Basic National fee.

On 24 April 2006, applicant was mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) informing applicant of the need to provide an executed oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. Applicant was given two months to respond and advised that this time period could be extended with a proper petition and payment of fees.

On 12 June 2006, applicant filed the present petition accompanied by an affidavit executed by the inventor explaining her change in name.

**DISCUSSION**

The present petition is accompanied by a declaration setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected; namely by marriage. The declaration is executed by Mrs.

to grant applicant's petition at this time. Further, a review of the application file reveals that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 for entry into the national stage in the United States have now been satisfied.

**CONCLUSION**

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the inventor's name from Youji Notoya to Youji Shibahara is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 23 July 2004 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and will be given a date of **24 June 2006** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for continued national stage processing.



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